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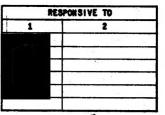
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- A training camp is located between Ata and Kis-Herend in the woods south of Pecs on the Pecs-Villany railroad line. It has no APO number. The camp consists of tents and portable barracks for the command, hospital, magazines, etc., and permanent quarters for officers.
- During the summer of 1953 an infantry regiment from Pécs came to the camp for training. Reservists were gathered in a special battalion of three companies, each of 100 to 120 men. The commander of this battalion was Capt. Sandor Börzsei, about 30 years old, an excellent training officer. Two of the company commanders were Lt. Jozsef Demeter and Lt. Lajos Sommer, both about 25 years old.
- 3. Weapons issued to the battalion by the regiment were 9 machine-pistols, 3 heavy Maxim machine guns, 6 light machine guns, 3 AT rocket projectors, one AA machine gun, one 82 mm mortar, one 120 mm mortar and one AT gun, 76.2 mm. The battalion had one jeep, two Csepel trucks and two Wiepons for the heavy weapons.
- 4. Training included the service of the heavy weapons, battle training in squads, platoons and companies, march and alarm exercises, firing with all heavy weapons, field target practice in connection with battle training, signal service, gas protection, fortification and political training.
- 5. Both the quantity and quality of the food were good. Morale was not high.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Map of Camp Area

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